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FROM

Department of State

DATE:

SUBJECT: Administration's Proposals for Immigration Legislation

REF :

Enclosed for the information of all posts is a copy of the Immigration Bill submitted by the President to Congress, the accompanying letter from the President concerning the Bill, and a summary of the Bill's major provisions.

The Bill represents a major revision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Its basic purpose is to abolish the "national origins system," and to allow immigration on a first-come, first-served basis within preference categories. Although the total authorized immigration would only be slightly increased, actual immigration would be substantially increased because every quota number would be used. The Bill would enable the reuniting of separated families from all over the world and would eliminate a number of discriminatory features of the present Act.

The Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs has briefed representatives from the embassies of the NATO countries concerning the Bill. He indicated to them that the President's authority under the Bill to utilize a portion of the total quota would be exercised to avoid the imposition of any hardship on our NATO allies.

From the time the President served in the Congress, he has been personally concerned with the discriminatory features of the present Act. The President gave careful consideration to the Bill, and he and the Secretary desire that the posts emphasize our interest in seeking its enactment.

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Posts are requested to inform the Department of all official and unofficial reactions to the proposed legislation. Address comments "attention: Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs."

The Administration Bill has meanwhile been introduced in the House of Representatives by the Honorable Emanuel Celler, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee as H. R. 7700, and in the Senate by the Honorable Philip A. Hart as S. 1932.

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Enclosures:

1. Text of Bill
2. Letter from the President,  
July 23, 1963
3. Summary

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